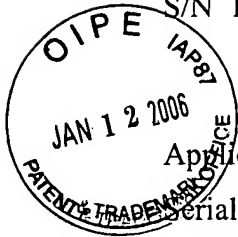


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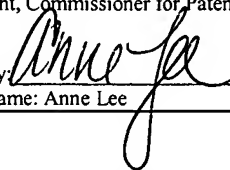


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, said period of response being extended from November 9, 2005 to January 9, 2006.

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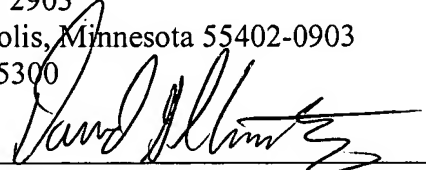
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